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HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

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HONGKONG.

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T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.

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THIS REFINERY MANUFACTURES.

LOAF SUGAR, (in 5, 10, and 15 lbs. Loaves.)

CUBE SUGAR (Lyle's Patent) shortly.

CRYSTALIZED SUGAR, mark C. S. R. (in diamond) 1 lb.

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GOLDEN SYRUP, SYRUP, and MOLASSES.

SPIRITS OF WINE and LAMP SPIRIT.

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ANIMAL CHARCOAL and DUST.

AMMONIACAL LIQUOR, from Bones.

BONE TAR (a preventive of white ants).

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Packed in Quantities and Packages to suit Customers.

Particulars and Prices on application to THE MANAGERS.

CHINA SUGAR REFINING Co., LIMITED, East Point, Hongkong.

March 8, 1878.

COAL.

BEST QUALITY CARDIFF STEAM COAL for Sale, ex Godown.

Apply to BATTLES & Co.

Hongkong, December 8, 1877.

WASHING BOOKS.

(In English and Chinese.)

WASHERMAN'S BOOKS, for the use of Ladies and Gentlemen, are now ready at this Office—Price, 91 each.

CHINA MAIL OFFICE.

For Sale.

LAMBERT, ATKINSON & CO.

HAVE FOR SALE.

Ex M. M. S. S. "AFA,"

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TEYSSONNEAU'S ASSORTED FRUITS in NOYEAU.

TEYSSONNEAU'S ASSORTED FRUITS in BRANDY.

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CHEERBOURG BUTTER, in Bottles.

CIGARETTES, COMPAGNIE LAFERME.

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MUSCATEL BLOOM RAISINS, in Cartons.

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GOLDEN GATE FLOUR, in Barrels.

GALEFINE and ISINGLAS, in 1 lb. Packets.

WAFFLE IRONS, AMERICAN BROTHERS.

VERY FINE

"O. K." BOURBON WHISKY.

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BILLIARD CUE CEMENT.

BILLIARD CHALK.

BILLIARD TABLE CLOTHS.

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HOT'S ASSORTED TARRED and WHITE LINES.

FAIRBANKS' SCALES.

&c., &c., &c.

Hongkong, February 22, 1878.

THE ORIENTAL SUGAR REFINERY.

SUPERIOR WHITE CRYSTALS

Manufactured by the ORIENTAL SUGAR REFINERY, can now be had in Tins of 10 or 14 lbs., or in larger quantities to suit purchasers, on application to Messrs LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

H. KIER, General Agent.

Hongkong, March 30, 1878.

FOR SALE.

A SMALL SUPPLY OF BELL'S

TELEPHONES,

SHORTLY EXPECTED.

H. KIER & Co.

Hongkong, April 3, 1878.

To Let.

TO BE LET.

From 1st May.

SHOP and DWELLING ROOMS, at present occupied by Messrs Thompson & Hind.

Apply to J. D. HUMPHREYS.

Hongkong, April 13, 1878.

TO LET.

THE Dwelling House No. 6, Mosque Terrace, possession from 15th April next.

Three Offices, in Club Chambers.

Apply to DOUGLAS LAFRAIK & Co.

Hongkong, March 4, 1878.

TO LET.

HOUSE No. 9, Queen's Road Central, with Godowns attached.

House No. 2, Seymour Terrace.

DAVID SARSON, SONS & Co.

Hongkong, January 4, 1878.

SHIP'S COMPANIONS AND STEVEDORES.

No. 57, Praya West.

SHIPPING SUPPLIED WITH ALL KINDS OF COAL, WATER, BALLAST, FRESH PROVISIONS & OILMAN'S STORES.

Of the best quality and at the shortest notice.

Hongkong, May 1, 1877.

For Sale.

COPE'S "GOLDEN CLOUD."

A MIXTURE highly approved by Smokers.

NEW SADDLES, BRIDLES, and HARNESS.

POOL BALLS, and PYRAMID POOL BALLS.

ICE CHESTS.

FRENCH COFFEE MACHINES.

THE NEW ELECTRO-PLATED READING LAMPS.

BRONZE KETTLES, with SPIRIT LAMPS.

PERAMBULATORS.

CIGARETTES.

THE ROYAL NAVY LIST.

WALKING STICKS.

SUPERIOR MANILA CIGARS.

PITH HATS, in various Shapes.

SILVER TABLE LAMPS.

—22 to 25 CANDLE LIGHT.

LADIES' and GENTLEMEN'S INVITATION NOTE PAPER and ENVELOPES.

A BROADWOOD'S Semi-Grand PIANO, For Sale or Hire.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

Hongkong, April 12, 1878.

Intimations.

G. FALCONER & Co.

WATCH AND CHRONOMETER MANUFACTURERS,

AND JEWELLERS.

NAUTICAL INSTRUMENTS, CHARTS AND BOOKS.

46, Queen's Road Central.

Hongkong, April 20, 1878.

DENTAL NOTICE.

DR. ROGERS begs to intimate to his Friends that he is about to visit SHANGHAI, and will be absent from Hongkong from April 1st to June 15th.

Hongkong, March 4, 1878.

FOR STORAGE in GODOWNS, Praya Central.

Apply to RUSSELL & Co.

Hongkong, March 26, 1878.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONGKONG.

IN BANKRUPTCY.

NOTICE.—NG AKIU, of Victoria, in the Colony of Hongkong, a Widow, having been adjudged Bankrupt under a Petition for Adjudication of Bankruptcy, filed in the Supreme Court of Hongkong in Bankruptcy, on the 1st March, 1878, a Public Sitting for the said Bankrupt to pass her last examination, and make application for her order of discharge, will be held before the Honourable FRANCIS SNOWDEN, Acting Chief Justice of Hongkong, at the Supreme Court House, Victoria, at 10 o'clock, on WEDNESDAY, the 1st day of May, 1878, at Eleven o'clock in the forenoon.

FREDERICK SOWLEY HUFFAM, Esq., and CHUN AYAT are the Creditors' Assignees in the Bankruptcy.

Dated the 16th day of April, 1878.

THE EQUITABLE LIFE ASSURANCE SOCIETY OF THE UNITED STATES.

HENRY B. HYDE, President.

J. W. ALEXANDER, Vice-President.

SAMUEL BOWBOW, Secretary.

A. A. BATES, Jr., General Manager, for China and Japan.

PRINCIPAL OFFICE, 120, BROADWAY, NEW YORK.

Assets \$31,700,000

Surplus \$5,600,000

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents in Hongkong, China, for the above Company, are prepared to Accept Risks at greatly reduced rates and upon terms very favourable to the assured.

For full information and particulars, apply to OLYPHANT & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, January 21, 1878.

STANDARD FIRE OFFICE, LONDON.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents to the above Company at this Port, are prepared to grant Policies against Fire to the extent of \$40,000, on Buildings or on Goods stored therein.

Discount 20%

VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co.

Hongkong, March 1, 1878.

Intimations.

NOTICE.

THE YEARLY GENERAL MEETING of the MEMBERS of the HONGKONG CLUB will take place at the CLUB HOUSE, on MONDAY, the 29th Instant, at 5 o'clock p.m.

By Order, EDWARD BEART, Secretary.

Hongkong, April 20, 1878.

ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL CHURCH.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the SEAT-HOLDERS of ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL CHURCH, will be held at the Vestry on THURSDAY, the 25th day of April instant, at 4.30 p.m., for the purpose of electing Two Trustees for the ensuing year and for passing the accounts of the Treasurer under the Provisions of Clauses 4 and 16 of Ordinance No. 2 of 1847.

Applications for Sitings may be made to the Undersigned.

EDMUND SHARP, Trustee and Treasurer to the Body of Trustees.

Hongkong, April 18, 1878.

CHINA FAMINE RELIEF FUND.

THE AMOUNT COLLECTED to Date aggregates \$12,230.89. Gentlemen desirous of Contributing are requested to forward their Subscriptions to T. JACKSON, Honorary Treasurer, at the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANK, Hongkong, April 5, 1878.

W. BALL, CHINA DISPENSARY.

IMPORTER OF DRUGS, CHEMICALS, DRUGGISTS' Sundries, TOILET REQUISITES, PATENT MEDICINES AND PERFUMES.

Prescriptions Dispensed with Carefulness, and Prompt Attention.

PRAYA WEST, HONGKONG, Near the Canton Steamer's Wharf.

Hongkong, July 13, 1876.

PIANOFORTE TUNING.

MR. A. HAHN begs to announce to his Patrons that he has changed his Residence from Praya East to No. 19, HOLLYWOOD ROAD, where Orders may be left, or at Messrs. LANE, CRAWFORD & Co. Hongkong, April 8, 1878.

DEVOS'S BRILLIANT OIL.

RELIABLE, ECONOMICAL, SAFE!!

DESIRING to benefit by the world-wide reputation of our Oil, certain parties have attempted to imitate our packages. Suits at law have been instituted against the MAKERS and PURCHASERS of these imitations. Buyers should be careful to see that the words "DEVOS'S BRILLIANT" are stencilled on the cases, and the words "DEVOS'S PATENT" are stamped on the top of the can.

THE DEVOS MANUFACTURING Co., 80 Beaver and 127 Pearl Streets, NEW YORK, U.S.A.

Entertainment.

LUSITANO THEATRE.

AN AMATEUR PERFORMANCE will be given at this Theatre, IN AID OF THE FUNDS OF THE CITY HALL, TO-NIGHT, April 24th, at 9 p.m.

THE ONE ACT COMEDY "A CUP OF TEA," followed by SULLIVAN'S OPERETTA "TRIAL BY JURY."

By the kind permission of Colonel Jago, and the Officers of the 74th Highlanders their Band will perform the following:—

OVERTURE,.....Stradella,.....Flotow.

POLKA,.....Stacato (Flaggott Solo),.....Polka,.....Mr Buchanan,.....

SELECTION, Reminiscences of Meyerbeer.....

Admission by TICKET ONLY, which can be obtained (Price Two Dollars) on and after Thursday next, from Messrs LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

W. WHEELER, Hon. Secretary, Hongkong Choral Society.

Hongkong, April 24, 1878.

Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

SUPERIOR ENGLISH AND CHINA-MADE HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, PICTURES, PIANO, &c., &c.

THE Undersigned has received instructions from EDWARD MOORE, Esq., to sell by Public Auction, on SATURDAY, the 27th day of April, 1878, at 2 o'clock p.m., at his Residence, No. 9, Upper Mosque Terrace,—

The whole of the HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, &c., comprising: English-made Drawing-room Suite, Covered with Cretonne, Blackwood Carved Embroidered Covered Settee, Crimson Velvet Worked Ottoman, English-made Walnut Work-Table.

Dining Table, Sideboard, Card Table, Whist-table, Dinner, Dessert and Tea Sets, Lamps, and Pictures.

Lady's Polished Birch Wardrobe, with Sliding Trays and Plate Glass Door.

Polished Birch Chest of Drawers, Wardrobe, Dressing Table with Glass, Washstands, Tables, and Chairs.

A Semi-Grand PIANO, by COLLARD & COLLARD, made expressly for the Climate.

&c., &c., &c.

Catalogues will be issued, and the whole to be on view from 12 o'clock Noon on Friday, the 26th Instant.

TERMS OF SALE.—Cash before delivery in Mexican Dollars weighed at 7.1.7. All lots, with all faults and errors of description, at Purchasers' risk on the fall of the hammer.

J. M. ARMSTRONG, Auctioneer.

Hongkong, April 20, 1878.

NOW READY.

A CHINESE DICTIONARY IN THE CANTONESE DIALECT. Parts I. and II. A to M, with Introduction. Royal 8vo., pp. 404.—By ERNEST JOHN EITZEL, Ph.D. Tubingen.

Price: FIVE DOLLARS, or TWO DOLLARS and a HALF per Part.

To be had from Messrs LANE, CRAWFORD & Co., Hongkong and Shanghai; and Messrs KELLY & WALSH, Shanghai.

Hongkong, March 1, 1878.

Shipping.

Steamers.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHEW. The Steamship "YESSO,"

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.

MR. HORATIO GAY JAMES was admitted a Partner in our Firm on the 1st January, 1878.
GEO. R. STEVENS & Co.
Hongkong, January 5, 1878. my1

NOTICE.

I HAVE This Day established myself at this Port as a MERCHANT and COMMISSION AGENT, under the Style or Firm of GEO. R. STEVENS & Co., who will henceforward conduct the Agency of the "AUSTRALIAN STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY."
G. R. STEVENS.
Hongkong, December 29, 1877. my1

NOTICE.

THE Interest and Responsibility of Mr. EDWARD OUNNINGHAM in our Firm in Hongkong and China, CEASED on the 31st December last.
RUSSELL & Co.
China, March 8, 1878. se8

NOTICE.

THE Interest and Responsibility of the Undersigned in the Chinese Mail, 華字日報 (Wah Tze Yat Po), CHANGED from the 1st August, 1877, but Debts prior to that Date will be received and paid by him.
OHUN AYIN.
Hongkong, April 6, 1878.

NOTICE.

IN Reference to the above, the Undersigned has LEASED the Chinese Mail from the 1st August, 1877, and has engaged the services of Mr. LEONG YOOK CHU, as Translator and General Manager of the newspaper, which under its new regime will be found to be, as hitherto, an excellent medium for advertising, especially as the Manager is able to devote his whole attention to the conduct of the Newspaper.
KONG CHIM,
Lessee of the Hongkong Chinese Mail.
Hongkong, April 6, 1878.

NOTICE.

MR. CHARLES von BOSE has been authorized to Sign our Firm per procurator at Canton.
CARLOWITZ & Co.
Canton, April 2, 1878. my1

Notices to Consignees.

OCCIDENTAL & ORIENTAL S. S. COMPANY.

NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo per Steamship OCEANIC, from San Francisco, &c., are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods.
Cargo impeding discharge of the Steamer will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.
G. B. EMORY,
Agent.
Hongkong, April 23, 1878. sp26

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

CONSIGNEES of the following Cargo are requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for countersignature, and take immediate delivery. This Cargo has been landed and stored at their risk and expense.
No Fire Insurance has been effected.
H. DU POUY,
Agent.
WMS W. MacG. Smith, 1 case } from
Belts, } London.
Hongkong, April 10, 1878.

To-day's Advertisements.

FOR NINGPO & SHANGHAI.

The Steamship "ALROY,"
G. H. DREW, Master, will be despatched for the above Ports TO-MORROW, Thursday, the 26th instant, at 4 p.m.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
SIEMSEN & Co.
Hongkong, April 24, 1878. sp26

NOTICE.

OFFICE OF THE YANGTZE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION.

SHANGHAI, April 20th, 1878.
A SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING of the Association for the fiscal Year ending September 30th, 1877, will be held at the Office of Messrs RUSSELL & Co., on TUESDAY, the 7th May, at Two o'clock p.m.
BUSINESS.—To Receive the Accounts of the Association for the Existing Year, and to receive the Deeds of Shareholders of record on the 15th May next.
It is requested that Shareholders will send in their Present Certificates as soon as possible after that date; and that those who have not yet signed the Deed of Settlement will do so without delay.
By Order of the Directors,
RUSSELL & Co.,
Secretaries.

NOTICE.

OFFICE OF THE YANGTZE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION.

SHANGHAI, April 20th, 1878.
NEW SHARE CERTIFICATES, in exchange for the Existing Ones, will be issued to Shareholders of record on the 15th May next.
It is requested that Shareholders will send in their Present Certificates as soon as possible after that date; and that those who have not yet signed the Deed of Settlement will do so without delay.
By Order of the Directors,
RUSSELL & Co.,
Secretaries.

To-day's Advertisements.

SAYLE & Co.

GREAT REDUCTION in the PRICE of Plain Coloured GLACE SILKS. For a short time only. We shall offer Various Colours at one uniform Price, 60 Cents per Yard, some slightly soiled but all admirably suited for Summer Wear, Evening Dresses or Underslips. Our usual Price for these Goods is \$1.25 per Yard.
GREAT REDUCTION in the Price of JAPANESE POPLINS. All these Goods will be offered very Cheap, from 15 Cents per Yard.

OUR SUMMER STOCK IS COMPLETED, NOVELTIES IN EVERY DEPARTMENT.
WHITE DRESS GOODS, in Endless Variety.
WHITE AND COLOURED MUSLINS.
PRINTED FRENCH CAMBRICS.
COLOURED GRENADINES.

COLOURED FRENCH LAWNS, Wash and Wear Well.
FRENCH ORGANDI MUSLINS.
BLACK GRENADINES, Special Make.
WASHING GINGHAMS.

UNTRIMMED STRAW HATS, and BONNETS.
PARIS TRIMMED HATS, and BONNETS.
NEW FEATHERS, FLOWERS, RIBBONS.
LACES and LACE GOODS.

BABY LINEN and LADIES UNDERCLOTHING.
FRENCH and ENGLISH CORSETS, New Shapes, and GLOVE FITTING.
Fine WHITE FLANNELS, made specially for Summer Wear.
Fine INDIA LONG CLOTHS.
EMBROIDERIES.
DRESS-MAKING and MILLINERY.

SAYLE & Co., VICTORIA EXCHANGE, Queen's Road, and Stanley Street.

FOR YOKOHAMA & HIOGO.

The British Steamer "MADRAS"

Captain Wm. RICHARDSON, will leave for the above Ports, on SATURDAY, the 27th instant, at Daylight, instead of as previously notified.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
MELOHERS & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, April 24, 1878. sp27

NORTH CHINA INSURANCE CO.

SHAREHOLDERS resident in Hongkong are hereby notified that the Share Certificates are now READY FOR ISSUANCE, and can be obtained, in exchange for the Provisional Receipts, on application to the Undersigned.
J. KENNARD DAVIS,
Agent.

Hongkong, April 24, 1878. my1

Not Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor Owners will be Responsible for any Debt contracted by the Officers or Crew of the following Vessels, during their stay in Hongkong Harbour:—
ANTIOCH, American barque, Capt. W. B. Seymour.—Chinese.
LADAGO, American ship, Captain C. B. Pierce.—Captain.
FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE, British barque, Captain A. McIntyre.—Arnold, Karberg & Co.
DEVANA, British barque, Capt. William May.—Melchers & Co.
LADY PENRYN, British barque, Capt. E. Owen.—Vogel, Hagdorn & Co.
SARAH NICHOLSON, British ship, Capt. Jas. G. Selkirk.—Butterfield & Swire.
H. G. JOHNSON, American barque, Capt. Isaac N. Colby.—Arnold, Karberg & Co.
FORWARD, British barque, Capt. James W. Vandervord.—Rezario & Co.
RAPANATTIANHAR, British str., Capt. G. T. Hopkins.—Yuen Fat Hong.
MAID OF JUDAH, British barque, Capt. Alfred Wm. Webb.—Order.

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

April 23, Brisbane, British barque, 394, Hudsonston, Newchwang April 5, Beans.—RUSSELL & Co.
April 24, Fuyeu, Chinese steamer, from Canton.
April 24, Amoy, British steamer, from Canton.
April 24, Djennah, French steamer, 2416, Champagne, Shanghai April 21, Maille and General.—Messageries MARITIMES.
April 24, Yesso, British steamer, 500, S. Ashton, Foochow April 21, Amoy 22, and Swatow 23, General.—DOUGLAS LAFFRAN & Co.
April 24, Areola, British barque, 947, Peasey, Kobe April 8, Rice.—BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.
April 24, Nacaz, British surveying vessel, 877, R. B. Napier, Weshow April 21.
April 24, Norma, British steamer, 606, Walker, Swatow April 23, General.—KWOX ACHONG.
April 24, Sun-kee, Chinese gunboat, from Cheong-chow.
April 24, Benedi, British steamer, 998, Buchanan, Saigon April 19, Rice.—GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.
April 24, Dauphin, French brig, 337, Eug. Lelionnais, Labuan April 6, General.—EDWARD SCHULZ & Co.
April 24, Sacramento, American ship, 1416, Wm. H. Nelson, Kobe April 8, Rice.—BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.

DEPARTURES.

Apr. 24, Bowen, for Melbourne, &c.
24, Thales, for Port Darwin, &c.

CLEARED.

Helend, for Panlam (Gulf of Siam).
Phoson, for Bangkok.
Alerton, for Saigon.
Karkaway, for Manila.
Fuyeu, for Shanghai.
Amoy, for Shanghai.
Jean Pierre, for Bangkok.
Ngan Ying, for Macao.

PASSENGERS.

Per Djennah, from Shanghai, for Hongkong, Mr. G. Serres, Mrs. J. Beaman, Messrs S. E. Waskell, Hon. J. B. Ferguson (Netherlands' Minister at Peking), Wei Chun, and 8 Chinese; for Marseilles, Mr. G. A. Stein, Hon. Mr. and Mrs. Serres, child and 2 servants, Mr. R. J. Abott, Mr. Ferguson, 3 children and servant, and Mr. and Mrs. Hopkins.
Per Yesso, from Coast Ports, Mr. and Mrs. Richards and family, Mr. and Mrs. Pollock and child, Messrs Russell, Annals, Bezare, and Williams, and 180 Chinese.
Per Norma, from Swatow, 60 Chinese.
Per Bowen, for Australian Ports, Messrs Quin and Barnaby, 6 Europeans Steamer, and 880 Chinese.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions from Messrs Thompson and Hind to sell by Public Auction, on

SATURDAY, the 27th day of April, 1878, at their Store, Queen's Road, at Noon,—
The whole of their SHOP FIXTURES, GLASS CASES and COUNTERS, Etc., Etc., Etc.

TERMS OF SALE.—Cash before delivery in Mexican Dollars weighed at 7.1.7. All Lots, with all faults and errors of description, at purchasers' risk on the fall of the hammer.
J. M. GUEDES, Jr.,
Auctioneer.

Hongkong, April 24, 1878. sp27

Per Thales, for Sydney, Messrs Akawa,

Nagase, Yokoyama and servant, and Mr. Barlow, for Melbourne, Mr. Annals, and 886 Chinese for Australian Ports.
To DEPART.
Per Fuyeu, for Shanghai, 120 Chinese.
Per Amoy, for Shanghai, 80 Chinese.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

The British barque Brisbane reports: First four days working down the Gulf, Shanghai to Saddle light Northerly winds and thick fog with rain, thence to Ookeen N.E. wind with thick weather and rain, thence to Lamock light S.W. wind, calms and clear, thence to Pedro Blanco E.N.E. wind and foggy weather with rain.
The British barque Areola reports: Fine weather throughout the passage.
The British steamer Yesso reports: Foochow to Amoy, fresh N.W. winds and cloudy weather with occasional rain. Amoy to Swatow, fresh N.E. winds and cloudy. Swatow to Hongkong moderate N.E. breeze and fine. Steamers in Foochow Tai Yew, passed Europe in the river bound in. In Amoy str. Glaucus. In Swatow str. Norma. Tientsin left for North 23rd instant.

POST OFFICE NOTIFICATIONS.

MAILS will close:—

For BANGKOK.—

Per Lorne, at 6 p.m., on Thursday, the 26th inst.

For SHANGHAI.—

Per Fuyeu, at 9.30 a.m. To-morrow, the 26th inst.

For SWATOW.—

Per Minerva, at 11.30 a.m. To-morrow, the 26th inst.

For NINGPO & SHANGHAI.—

Per Amoy, at 8.30 p.m. To-morrow, the 26th inst.

For YOKOHAMA AND HIOGO.—

Per Madras, at 5 p.m., on Friday, the 26th inst., instead of as previously notified.

Per Rajanattianhar, at 4.30 p.m., on Saturday, the 27th inst.

For SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHOW.—

Per Yesso, at 9 a.m., on Sunday, the 28th inst.

MAILS BY THE FRENCH PACKET.—

The French Contract Packet Djennah will be despatched from Hongkong on THURSDAY, the 27th instant, with Mails to and through the United Kingdom and Europe, via Marseilles; to Saigon, Singapore, Batavia, Galle, Pondicherry, Madras, Calcutta, Bombay, Aden, Suez, and Alexandria.

The following will be the hours of closing the Mails, &c.:—

Friday, 26th inst.—

5 p.m., Money Order Office closes. Post Office closes except the Express Box, which remains open all night.

Saturday, 27th inst.—

7 a.m., Post Office opens for sale of Stamps, Registry of Letters, and Posting of all correspondence.

10 a.m., Registry of Letters ceases.

11 a.m., Post Office closes except for Late Letters.

11.10 a.m., Letters (but Letters only) may be posted on payment of a Late Fee of 18 cents extra postage, until

11.30 a.m., when the Post Office Closes entirely.

Hongkong, April 18, 1878. sp27

MAILS BY THE FRENCH PACKET.—

The English Contract Packet Nizam will be despatched with the Mails for Europe, &c., on SATURDAY, the 4th May.

The following will be the hours of closing the Mails, &c.:—

Friday, 3rd May.—

5 p.m., Money Order Office closes.

6 p.m., Post Office closes except the Express Box, which remains open all night.

Saturday, 4th May.—

7 a.m., Post Office opens for sale of Stamps, Registry of Letters, and Posting of all correspondence.

Hongkong, April 19, 1878. sp28

MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW.

Shipping.

4 p.m.—Amoy leaves for Ningpo, &c.

Meeting.

4.30 p.m.—Meeting of Seat-holders of St. John's Cathedral.

General Memoranda.

SATURDAY, April 27:—

Daylight.—Madras leaves for Yokohama and Hio.

Noon.—French Mail leaves for Ports of Call and Europe.

Noon.—Sale of Shop Fixtures, &c., at Messrs Thompson & Hind's Store.

2 p.m.—Sale of Household Furniture, &c., at Mr Moore's residence, No. 9, Upper Mosque Terrace.

SUNDAY, April 28:—

10 a.m.—Yesso leaves for Coast Ports.

MONDAY, April 29:—

5 p.m.—Meeting of Members of the H.K. Club at the Club House.

SATURDAY, May 4:—

Noon.—English Mail leaves for Ports of Call and Europe.

THURSDAY, May 2:—

3 p.m.—Occidental & Oriental S.S. Co.'s Steamer leaves for Yokohama and San Francisco.

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MARRIAGE.

At H.B.M.'s Consulate, Shanghai, and afterwards at the Church of St. Joseph, on the 18th April, JOHN ROBERTS, of the I.M. Customs, to MARY JANE CUNNINGHAM, of Dundalk, Ireland.

THE CHINA MAIL.

HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24, 1878.

THE decisive nature of the reply of the Chinese Government to the proposal of the Shanghai Chamber of Commerce for the establishment of an Imperial Mint in China, and the reported disinclination of the Home Government to undertake the coining of a British dollar, leave the currency question within very narrow limits. We have now simply to consider whether we will coin the dollar ourselves, or continue to put up with existing difficulties and inconveniences in currency matters. Up to the present neither the project for establishing a mint in Hongkong, nor of coining a dollar at Home, has aroused much enthusiasm among the members of the Shanghai Chamber of Commerce, but now the Chinese Government have effectually extinguished their own pet scheme for surmounting the currency difficulties, it is to be hoped they will extend a little more favour to ours. The day will come, we suppose, when all the obstacles, which Mr. Kung and his colleagues would have us believe are lying in the way of the establishment of an Imperial Mint, will have to be surmounted, and China, now behind some of the most petty countries on the globe in currency matters, placed in possession of a decent coinage of her own. If her near and comparatively humble neighbour Japan can successfully carry on minting operations, it is absurd to conclude that the same cannot be done by China. The Peking authorities appear to have given the proposal of the Chamber, which had, of course, to be presented through the foreign representatives at Peking, some consideration, since they state in their reply that the high authorities throughout the empire were communicated with on the subject, and their opinions in regard to the proposal obtained. The following, however, is the uncompromising reply finally forthcoming from Prince Kung and the other ministers of the Yamen to the suggestions of the Shanghai Chamber:—

"The Yamen has to observe that a difference exists between the monetary system by law established in China and in other countries, and that the nature of the case is such as to preclude the idea of uniformity. On a further consideration of the question, based upon the communications received from the Ministers Superintendent of Trade, it now remains to be stated—that the establishment of a Mint on the foreign system for the introduction of a coinage by the Chinese Government, which would be tantamount to 'indulging the host to adapt himself to the convenience of his guest,' would be productive, there is serious reason to believe, of abuses of so manifold a nature, and the obstacles and difficulties that would present themselves are of such magnitude, that the introduction of such a coinage cannot be undertaken."

There are a few statistics among those in the recently published British Consular Report to the Trade of Japan for 1876, which, absurdly late as the public are placed in possession of documents of this

description, are still interesting. The total value of the trade of the year amounted to \$51,756,981, the exports being about three millions and a half in excess of the imports. As compared with the trade of 1875 the imports show a decrease of \$6,379,552, while the exports increased to the value of \$9,654,576, consequently there was a net increase on the whole trade over 1875 of \$4,275,024. The only two imports showing an increase were those of cotton manufactures and arms. A great portion of the decrease in imports is attributed to the heavy importations of goods in the previous year, part of the stock serving for 1876. There was an excess of treasure exported over treasure imported of \$2,382,819, this being nearly four millions less excess than the average of the last five years. The draining of the country of its treasure, about which so much outcry has been raised of late years, thus bids fair to come to an end. The shipping returns show a decrease of 270,966 tons in foreign tonnage. This is more than accounted for by the transfer to the Japanese flag of the American line of steamers running between Yokohama and Shanghai. The general foreign tonnage, indeed, shows an increase of 67,520 tons in 1876, and the British tonnage, which had been second to that of the United States since the establishment of the Pacific Mail line, exceeded it in 1876 and now heads the list. Twenty-nine English, six German and five Dutch establishments—some of them very small—withdraw from business during the year throughout the Treaty Ports, while four American establishments were added. The following table shows the number of various nationalities for the two years:—

	1875.	1876.
English	1,282	1,242
American	853	410
German	279	274
French	254	286
Dutch	142	126
Others	273	335
Total	2,688	2,678

These were distributed among the five Treaty Ports as follows:—

	Residents.	Firms.
Kanagawa	1,521	159
Hio and Osaka	378	46
Nagasaki	289	10
Elakodate	27	2
Niigata	21	2
Yedo	436	6
Total	2,673	221

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

THE steam launch Ngan Ying leaves for Macao with 250 kegs of gunpowder.

THE Tigre, with the outward European and Australian Mails, left Singapore yesterday (Tuesday) afternoon for this port via Saigon.

AT the Marine Court to-day, Kong Shum, master of the Lung Wo trading junk, was charged with anchoring in the River Steamer fairway; he was cautioned and discharged.

FIVE dollars were sent to the poor box to-day, through the Captain Superintendent of Police, with an American lady's compliments. A few more donations of this sort would, we believe, be very acceptable.

WE observe that the S. S. Pacific did not leave this on Sunday as we noted, but is still at Kowloon Dock, some necessary repairs having yet to be done to the condenser tubes. She will probably be ready for sea to-morrow.

WE omitted to state that the charge preferred against John Hogan, a gunner in the Royal Artillery, for stealing a dog collar, the property of Mr Thomas Ide Bowler, came before the Magistrate on Monday and was dismissed: We think it is due to the defendant to mention this.

WE observe that the Ministers at the Court of Peking for the Netherlands (H. E. Mr Ferguson), and for Belgium (H. E. Mr Serrys) arrived here this morning in the M. M. steamer Djennah. Mr Ferguson, we understand, is staying at the Netherlands Consulate.

A JUNK-MASTER was to-day tried before the Hon. O May and the Marine Magistrate for leaving the Harbour of Swatow without a clearance. The junk was ordered to be forfeited in accordance with the provisions of the Ordinance, and the master sentenced to 7 days' imprisonment. The magistrate recommended that a fine of \$8 be imposed in lieu of confiscation.

THE Superintendent of the Eastern Extension Australasia and China Telegraph Co. informs us that the Singapore-Panang cable was out for repairs for a short time this afternoon, but that communication was restored at 5 p.m. There will be another temporary interruption for a few hours probably to-morrow afternoon, of which notice will be given.

THE Singapore Races are of some local interest here this year inasmuch as about half a dozen ponies and the celebrated

Claymore were sent down to take part therein from Hongkong. Owing to friends of the 28th Regiment (including the Clerk of the Course at the late meeting at Wongsai-chong) are also taking an active part in the sport. Telegraphic advices have been received to the effect that, in the races which took place yesterday (23rd) Ariel, formerly owned by Mr Anseley, won the Coronandale Vase, and that the Phainon's Claymore was beaten by Tonzohilla, an animal formerly the property of a popular sportsman now a resident of Hongkong.

A LETTER from Macao says:—"Lent, with all its mortifications, fasts and penances, has passed away, and the Easter Day was celebrated with the usual pomp. The procession of the Resurrection was most imposing. In the morning at the high mass Dr Ennes, the Bishop of the Diocese, gave the annual Papal benediction to his flock in the city of Macao, a salute from the Monte fort being the signal of the precise moment of the blessing. At night several bands of excellent music and a company of contrabasso perambulated the streets. For some hours the miseries of poverty and the pangs of hunger were happily forgotten! After all rejoicing is possible in a community stricken by famine."

MR Pio Carvalho, who has been cast into durance vile for the last 24 months for a supposed crime of defalcation of the public coffers, is still untried. The Government, it is said, is afraid to prosecute him, lest some ugly discoveries might be made, and high officials, long gone home, implicated. His wife and 9 children are cast into the most abject indigence, in fact one it is said has already succumbed from sheer poverty of living. The charitable priests of St. José College give out rations in the shape of boiled rice and soup, costing about 5 cents each ration, and add Pio's family gets four rations for ten months! I hear that some benevolent Portuguese ladies and gentlemen of Hongkong intend to give a theatrical performance on behalf of this unfortunate family, who highly deserve the public

old clothes, and chop stick, and a few other small articles. The mate took possession of the powder; it looked like the powder found at the bottom of the basin. The case was finally adjourned until May next at 11 o'clock.

SUPREME COURT. IN PROBATE.

(Before Acting Chief Justice Snowden.)
24th April, 1878.

Application was made by Mr Stephens for the probate of the will and codicil, granted to Mrs Jean Sands, the widow of George Underwood Sands. The application was granted.

China.

(Herald, April 11th.)

It is stated in native official circles that the P.T. will not return to office as Governor of this province. His Excellency, however, obtained a further extension of leave, and as this is the third application for leave, it is believed that he will not return to office. He is permitted to retire from the public service of China should he so desire.

Subscriptions to the local China Relief Fund exceed \$4800,—the amount of which has, we understand, been forwarded to the Central Committee at Shanghai. To this sum it is possible that further amount (including contributions from those members of the community who have omitted to return their subscription lists) may have to be added.

We are glad to observe that the Great Northern Telegraph Company has re-established an Agency at this port. Last season the inconvenience was, we believe, experienced by many firms from the fact of the Company not being represented here, and the necessity that consequently arose of sending telegrams to Amoy or Shanghai, and keeping deposit accounts at those places.

Another point, under the management of Messrs. Darnall & Brockett, is it seems to be started on the 1st June, and to run for six months. This new enterprise will, we understand, in any way clash with the old-established service so ably conducted by Messrs. Hodge & Co. The office for despatch of both boats will be sufficiently wide apart to facilitate correspondence with the shipping at Pagoda Anchorage; and this increased means of communication will doubtless be fully appreciated during the forthcoming busy season.

Successful experiments have been made during the week with the legal ice machine, and we are informed that the proprietors have shortly announced the opening of the same. The price of this luxurious article has been fixed at five cents per pound and, a reasonable figure enough, we are seeing that it is said to cost four cents to manufacture, and that no ice is obtainable this summer in Hongkong under two cents per pound.

The annual native custom of visiting ancestral shrines has led to quite an animated scene on the hill-side during the week. This time-honored observance has come to be commemorated, and is no doubt in many cases prompted by a sincere feeling of reverence for the departed. But we must say that many of these afflicted ones are to all outward appearance very healthy and robust, reminding us somewhat forcibly of that relic of barbarism, the Irish wake, and "long life to the dead," were prominent features of the scene. In the good old days of Siberian antiquity, and we can now see similar attendant elements in full swing throughout the Flowery Land.

From Wenchow we learn of a most unexpected and extraordinary demand for opium. The Chinese dealers, in anxiety to maintain prices, have for some time past abstained from getting the opium from the coast, but have been disappointed, as up to the date none of the steamers calling at the port conveyed opium, and the consequence was that the market was absolutely cleared of stock. It is needless to add that this state of things will not be allowed to continue.

(Herald, April 18th.)

H. B. M.'s Gunboat *Moorehead* started for Amoy on the 11th instant.

The Customs cruiser *Ling Feng* left Pagoda Anchorage for Takao on the 14th instant.

In regard to the sum mentioned in our last issue as having been collected at this port in aid of the China Famine Relief Fund, we understand that about one-half the amount was contributed by Chinese residents.

The daily Courier Service between this port and Amoy, will probably be re-established on the 1st prox. It is proposed to about this service on about the same basis as last year, but an effort will be made to work the line during the winter months.

A correspondent at Pagoda Anchorage reports that, on the 13th instant there was not a single merchant vessel—either steam or sailing ship—in port. From this fact the outside world will be able to realize the anxious and absorbing interest that is shown in the development of the new steam tea trade.

We hear that the Alphabetical gunboats (four in number) leave for Tientsin at the end of the current week. On arrival at that port the European engineers and gunners, who are to be discharged, and the Chinese will then have the satisfaction of managing these white elephants in their own superior fashion.

We hear that H. E. the Viceroy started on a tour through the province on the 16th instant. It is, we believe, the intention of His Excellency to visit the principal towns of Fokien, and we also hear that the viceregal progress will be attended by a whole tribe of tax gatherers and yamen hangers-on, whose particular business it will be to levy "patriotic subscriptions" in aid of the provincial exchequer, which is at now said to be in a very impoverished state.

Refreshing evidence of the occasional indifference shown by Chinese officials to the influence of *Fung Shui* is just now afforded in the removal of the Mamoi telegraph posts from the river bank near Linpo to a position further inland. If we remember rightly the same official opposed the erection of this line by the Great Northern Telegraph Company at the

alleged plea that it would, unless put up at about the river's edge, interfere with the local geomantic conditions. We shall be interested in seeing whether the obstructive vociferations of those who opposed the Great Northern Company's Telegraph scheme are borne out by the hard logic of facts.

"To what base uses we may return, Horatio!" We are positively assured that the Mamoi Arsenal Fleet, not even excepting that latest triumph and chef-d'œuvre of modern naval architecture, the composite ram and training vessel for cadets, known as No. 20, are being rapidly converted into colliers. One of these stately craft arrived a few days ago from Kelung with a full cargo of coal, including a heavy deck load!

It is really gratifying to find that the infant navy of China is capable of being utilized; but of course it is to be regretted that such costly vessels should be condemned to employment of the nature described. It may be, however, that they are better suited to the transport of black diamonds, than to any other purpose—though the carrying of deck loads is a dangerous practice and attended by special risk during the typhoon season. As men-of-war they have certainly been extremely bad bargains. On this point, the strange humor of the Alphabetical Gunboats furnishes us with the following beautiful illustration, particulars of which are derived from the authority of an eyewitness. One of these gunboats went out for shot and shell practice with their 28 gun guns, at long range, a short time ago. The usual quantity of ammunition was served out, but it was observed that in firing there was no sign of disturbance within a full mile of the range—beyond the inevitable smoke and noise. On inquiring into the cause of this strange circumstance it was ascertained that the worthy Celestials were firing blank saluting charges! What matter, it may be argued, so long as the regulation allowance was fired.

SHANGHAI.

(Courier.)

THE NEW LOAN.—A Correspondent sends us the following:—

We hear that the new loan by the Chinese Government is already launched for two million taels under the security of the Ningpo Customs revenue, bearing interest at the rate of 12 per mille per month. Several influential Chinese have already largely subscribed to the loan, and we believe some foreigners too have interested themselves in this new investment. The Government having been bothered a good deal to conform to the legal technicalities in launching loans through the medium of foreign banks, and the delay it involves in going through the ordeal, before the money could be obtained, have adopted the simple and primitive method of borrowing money directly from the investors and the inducement in interest held out is such that there will be no difficulty in obtaining the money, especially as the amount is so small. On the other hand the increased coining of silver currency in America has removed all apprehensions for the present as to the material depreciation in the value of silver, which was at one time anticipated. The proceeds of this loan will be required at once to be sent to Kaohgar, and the money will be withdrawn from circulation at Ningpo and Shanghai. Having only 3,000,000 taels in stock here, all of which will be required for tea purchases in Hankow shortly, and very little silver on the way out, those who are directly interested in the proceeds of this settlement may well look forward for a "squeeze" in the money market at no distant date.

"We believe this is the same loan of which we gave particulars a week ago."—Ed. S. C.

We hear that a loan has been settled between Taotai Wu and the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank for Tails 1,600,000, but the terms in which the contract is couched are so extraordinary that we merely mention the fact of its being concluded.

The Light-ship for Kiu-tung will be towed by the *Kuaching* to its proper mooring tomorrow (April 21st). She is a new vessel built by Messrs. Boyd & Co., from designs, and under the superintendence of Mr. Henderson, the Engineer in chief of the Customs Lighthouse Department. She is a composite vessel, and she is thoroughly well fitted with all the latest improvements.

The American barque *Agnes*, which left New York for this port on the 8th November last, reports having encountered a strong N.W. gale near the Cape; and on the 3rd January a heavy hurricane, which caused the vessel to ship a large quantity of water. On the 4th March, the Captain of the American ship *Midnight*, from New York to Yokohama, came on board, reporting that his ship, on her passage, sprung a leak and had to put into Ambona, where she was condemned and her cargo transhipped to the American barque *Obed Bagot*.

(News.)

The *Gazette* of the 18th March contains more editors regarding the recent victories in Kaohgar. Two Tsung-tang is directed to ascertain the names of all officers who have been killed in action, beyond the frontier, during the years the campaign has lasted, with a view to confer posthumous rewards upon them. A request by Tso Tsung-tang that a noble of the Khoshot tribe who has suffered much during the rebellion and rendered great assistance to the Imperial troops, may be rewarded by a peaceable feathery is also granted.

A meeting of Shareholders in the N.C. Insurance Company (form 1875-7) was held yesterday (April 17th). The Report showed that the Net Premium (after deduction of returns and cost of reinsurance) with other receipts, amount to Tails 688,245.70, against payments for Losses and Claims, Charges, &c., of Tails 327,846.85, leaving a surplus in Working Account of Tails 360,398.85 to be carried forward, the total profit on the business of the Company up to the above date being Tails 1,821,011.23. In addition to dividends already paid, a further return of 20 per cent to contributors of Tails 75 a share to shareholders, was decided on.

We understand that, with the consent of the Municipal Council, a trial will be made at the Bide Butts in the course of a few days, of a Lowell battery gun belonging to the U.S. steamer *Monongahela*. The Lowell gun is something on the principle of the Gatling, except that it has but one barrel and a revolving cylinder.

NEWCHANG.

3rd April, 1878.

The native authorities pretend to be moving in the matter of "native opium," and the Tao-tai has just returned from Moukden, where he had gone for the purpose of consulting the Laras General. Now we learn that the loss of revenue through the increased cultivation of native

poppy has alarmed the Government. Of course if the Indian Drug be so taxed that it cannot compete with the native, there will be no import at all by-and-by, which will be a very serious thing not only for the British exchequer, but for the Celestial pocket also. You will note that the wickedness of providing opium is very tall talk, so long as it goes favorably for the revenue; but when this is lessened, even owing to the increased native growth, which surely, if so very baneful to the poor people, could be stopped, then measures are about to be adopted, to what intent? To the stoppage of Indian Drug? No! To the prohibition of native because the latter interferes with the revenue derivable from the atrocious foreign stuff. What a lesson for our opium agitators! That native poppy is quickly gaining the ascendancy is proved by the facts that E. D. Sassoon and Co. have closed their business at this port, and D. Sassoon, Sons, and Co. will cease to exist as an agency by the end of this month.—*Shanghai Courier*.

MOUKDEN.

16th March, 1878.

In a former letter I mentioned the attack by a body of soldiers on a house containing five robbers, with the result of losing their officer and three men and a subsequent helter-skelter retreat. Another much larger force, it is said 300 men,—was sent on and found the 6 increased to 7. This large increase of nearly 50 per cent, damped the ardor of the 300, especially as each of the 7 had a breech-loader, which they all could handle most dexterously. The horses of these robbers are splendidly trained, and themselves drilled with a discipline whose rigour would cause half the Chinese army to desert. When the robber is armed with a common rifle, his horse gallops up within easy shot of the regulars;—he fires, and the detonation is the sign for the horse to turn round and fly at his highest speed, without touch of bit or spur. He stands only when beyond shot of the regulars, and gallops as fast to the front again as soon as the piece is loaded. The rider too is one of the best. He can throw off one stirrup, draw his leg over the saddle, support himself with his knee on the seat, and throw his body under his horse, where he can load his piece. Many Mongols can equal this. Indeed all robbers are first-rate riders. Under an ordinary rider is a first-rate horse under an ordinary rider.

But our seven breech-loaders adopted neither of these tactics, but, trusting to their superior weapons, they galloped right into the robbers, who were somewhat disconcerted at the careless crack, crack, and thought it best to give the seven elbow room. The robbers got back to Moukden some days ago, and reported the robbers fled. But long-legged and long-eared rumour was in before them and gave the version above detailed.

In autumn there are to be organized three corps of 2,500 men each, to be ready for certain emergencies which are meantime left in the dark. The land known as Manchuria has often been the stage on which the fate of the Chinese Empire was decided, and what has been may be. We may wish the new armies good speed; and some of the officers are men who will do their duty. These three corps are to be drilled and officered by men tried under Li Hung-chang—not a Manchurian soldier or officer. If it is fatal, or what is it, leads the present dynasty to put breech-loaders, rifles and Krupp-guns in the hands of the peasantry, while the old bow and arrow is the only weapon, exercised by the vast majority of this Manchurian soldiery. They say the bow and arrow can defend the walls of a city! But the man who holds the field will soon have the keys of the city.—*Shanghai Courier*.

Japan.

NAGASAKI.

(From the *Rising Sun*.)

It is with much satisfaction we are able to announce that the once pending suit between Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co. and Mr. Goto Shojiro to which we referred in our last issue, has been settled amicably. We are not in a position to say more than that Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co. will receive 120 tons of coal daily (or its equivalent) in payment of the lien they hold upon the mine, as the complete settlement will probably still occupy some considerable time. Whatever the future arrangements may be, we cannot but express our gratification in the matter has avoided by both parties in the matter has avoided litigation, and to a certain extent have affected the trade of Nagasaki for a time at least.

Apocryphal of coal pits, we hear that it has been definitely settled to open a new mine on the island known as Nakasima. If this information be correct and the management of the operations be placed in competent hands, Nagasaki will become in time a very important coaling centre, and probably more than mere local interests will be affected thereby.

What was at first reported to have been a very serious mishap to the *Takachiko Maru* (late *Lotus*) in her last passage from Yokohama to Kobe when she was reported to have run down and cut in two a Japanese steamer, thereby drowning two hundred persons, turns out to be nothing more than one of those enormous gooseberries, which in a slack time people will raise or hatch, as on enquiry we hear that so far from there being so large a number drowned there were but 29 persons on board at the time, of whom 24 were saved, while it is confidently asserted that the unfortunate steamer in question was little larger than a catamaran, and further that the time of the accident her lights were not visible from the Mail boat. It speaks well for the rapidity with which the *Takachiko Maru's* boats were lowered that a percentage of 82 were saved, the more especially as the night was particularly dark.

The Straits.

(Straits Times.)

At amok took place last night at Teluk Blangah by a Malay named Abin, which resulted in the loss of his own life and the wounding of 10 persons. Abin had had a quarrel with his wife, owing, it is believed, to jealousy, and, afterwards, about 10 o'clock at night, he took up a naked sword and a Malay chopper, and was going out side with them, when his wife warned him that the police would arrest him. He invited his wife to go out with him, and eventually induced her to do so; and, when they reached the street, he struck her with

the sword, when she fell into a ditch. He then cut at her again with the sword, inflicting a deep wound on her shoulder, when the noise of the disturbance brought a Corporal and a private of police, as well as some Malays, to the scene. The Chinese in the Campang also came forward, and this appeared to excite him to a violent degree. He ran amok among them, and wounded a number before he could be seized. At last the Corporal contrived to get a hold of him round the arms, and in the struggle both tumbled into the ditch. He afterwards freed himself, but he was finally secured and taken to the police station, where he died shortly afterwards, whether from wounds inflicted by himself or others is not yet known, but may be discovered at the inquest upon his body, which will be held to-day. Nine persons, six Malays and three Chinese, are now in Hospital suffering from wounds inflicted by the deceased, and seven others are slightly injured. The brother of the deceased man, upon hearing that he had been arrested by the police, rushed from his house with a sword, and jumped into a sampan. A Corporal of police, seeing this, jumped into the boat after him, when he struck at the Corporal and wounded him in the face. The latter seized him, and both tumbled out of the boat into the water, but the Corporal had to let go his hold to save his own life, and it is unknown whether the Malay regained the boat or was drowned.

A SIBERIAN DINNER PARTY.

A traveller in Siberia last winter writes as follows: Our dinner party in the evening—and it was really a dinner party—was extremely merry. Each one laid his stores under contribution. Some brought out frozen bread, others frozen vasa, others frozen preserves, others, again, sausages which could not be bent even if put across the knee and pulled with the strength of both arms. Can you imagine, without laughing, the appearance presented of seven half famished people sitting at a table with thirty different dishes before them, and unable to touch one at the risk of breaking their teeth? Nothing could be done except to wait patiently for the various dishes to be thawed by sitting on them. At the close of the dinner we ate excellent fruit, which had been kept frozen. Throughout Siberia, as soon as very cold weather sets in, all fruits are placed out of doors, and a northern exposure, that the sun may never touch them. They are frozen through and through, and retain their flavor as completely as if they had just been plucked from the tree.

THE AMERICAN SILVER BILL.

To the Editor of the *Pall Mall Gazette*:—Sir,—The papers on the Silver Bill in the *Pall Mall Gazette*, though no doubt expressing a very just feeling, go, I believe, somewhat beyond the mark. For the immediate effect of the bill was a rise of silver from 54 to 55½, reducing the difference in the value of silver between market and American legal tender price at one jump by more than 3; the difference having originally been between 58 and 54, and being after the rise reduced to that between 58 and 55½—that is to say, to almost exactly 5 per cent. Even as a permanent tax that would not be so very enormous. But there is every reason to expect that silver will, before long, really be worth 68. For it is a general law, to be observed especially in countries with paper currencies unbacked by metal, like Russia and Austria, that every kind of money tends to rise to the nominal value. Russian paper roubles were worth 25d. in 1867 and had risen to 33d. in 1876, only because their nominal value is about 38d. For no one expects to get gold or silver for them. If the rise had not been checked by the war it would very probably have gone on to its utmost possible limit. In Austria, where also no one expects to get gold or silver for their paper forins had about a year ago risen to 97 per cent. of their silver value. It would be too long to explain the causes of the law which I have above stated, and the existence of which is undeniable. Another fact is also worth mentioning. Prussia had a gold coin, the Friedrich d'or; and there used to be a good many ducats in Prussia. The ducats were foreign coins, Austrian and Dutch, and had no fixed legal value even where they were coined; being considered simply as a certain weight of nearly pure gold (23½ I believe). Yet the price of the ducats always was 3 thalers 6 silberggr. If they were full weight. The Friedrich d'or used to vary a little in value as compared with silver. But the Government fixed their value by the simple announcement that they would be received in the Government offices for 5 thalers 20 silberggr. They never afterwards varied in price. I confess that, according to my opinion, the Silver Bill, though the purity of its motives more than questionable, is a salutary measure by which the effect of the salutary measure will be corrected. It is difficult to say how the Germans, by scientific reasoning, came to act most absurdly; confusing the whole bullion market, inflicting heavy losses on the country and on many private persons, and arriving finally at a most unsatisfactory result. But that they have acted in this way is certain; and when the enormous mass of silver which they have thrown into the market has been absorbed, the American proposition of 1.16 between the value of gold and silver—a proportion based on a century's practice, and maintained in spite of the enormous influx of gold from California and Australia—will no doubt become more firmly established than it ever has been, and thus the bondholders will be no losers. There is also another question raised by this discussion: how far prospectuses are binding. On this question there exists a treatise by Professor Goldschmidt, of Berlin, the first living theorist of commercial law.

HOW TO KEEP A PIANO.

Otto Brunning, writing to the *Journal de Musique de Paris*, says:—The piano is constructed almost exclusively of various kinds of woods and metals; cloth, skin, and felt being used also in the mechanical portion. For this reason atmospheric changes have a great effect on the quality and durability of the instrument, and it is necessary to protect it from all external influences which might affect the materials of which it is composed. It must be shaded from the sun, kept out of draught, and above all guarded against sudden changes of temperature. The latter is a most frequent cause of the piano getting out of tune, and the instrument should be kept in a temperature not lower than 54 deg. and not higher than 66 deg. F. When too cold the wood, cloth, and skin swell, and the mechanism works badly; when too warm these materials shrink and produce creaking, squeaking, and other disagreeable sounds. Moisture is the greatest enemy of the piano, and it cannot be too carefully guarded against. In a very short time damp will destroy every good point about the instrument. The tone becomes dull and flat, the wires rusty and easily broken, the joints of the mechanism stiff and the hammers do not strike with precision, and if these symptoms are attended to at once the piano is irretrievably spoiled. Therefore do not put your piano in a damp ground-floor room, or between two windows, or between the door and the window where there is a thorough draught. Never leave the piano open when not in use, and above all when the room is being cleaned. Do not put it near a stove, chimney, or hot-air pipes. Always wipe the keys after playing. Never pile books, muslin, or other heavy things on the top. Be careful when using the soft pedal not to thump the notes. Do not allow five-note or other exercises of a small compass on a piano you have any regard for. A leather cover should be kept on the instrument when not in use, and removed every day for the purpose of dusting. A cushion of wool or a strip of flannel laid on the keys will help to keep them white and preserve the polish. Never leave the piano open after a musical evening or dance. If you are obliged to have it in a damp room, do not place it against the wall, and raise it from the floor by means of insulators, and always cover it after playing. Employ the best tuner you can get, and if a new instrument let it be tuned every two months during the first year, and at least three times a year afterwards. Always have it tuned after a *soirée* if the room has been very hot.

LOVE AND JEALOUSY.

Love in a lethargy once slept
A week without waking;
And day and night his mother wept,
As if her heart were breaking.
The graces pinched the boy in vain;
He never felt their stinging;
They sang to him a Paphian strain:
He slept through all their singing.

To Jove at length the goddess soared,
Most miserably crying—
"Oh, save my son, Heaven's mighty Lord,
The God of Love is dying!"
"To earth," said Jove, "once more repair,
And cease your cries and weeping;
A friendly leech will meet you there,
Who'll cure Love's over-sleeping."

Venus flew back; the boy was free;
For Jove, on special mission,
Had sent him green-eyed Jealousy,
Juno's own state physician.
The cure, much worse than the disease,
Olympus shook with laughter;
For Love was never at his ease,
And never slumbered after.

Miscellaneous.

No man really understands the decline of the drama until he has written a play which has been politely declined by a manager.

A GENTLEMAN, who rather suspected some one was peeping through the keyhole of his office door, investigated with a syringe full of pepper sauce, and went home to find his wife had been cutting wood, and a chip had hit her in the eye.

A MODERN ARTHURIAN.—Southern Tourist (in Edinburgh): "Can you direct me to the Royal Institution?"—Native (vacant stare): "What?"—Tourist (giving a clue): "Pictures, you know—Statues—and—"

Native (after much thought): "Oo!—it's the Stuckey Feggars ye mean!" (Pointing).
The Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty have conveyed to Mr. John Burns their cordial thanks for the generous offer made by him to place at the service of the Government some of the large steam vessels of the Cunard Fleet. The authorities at the Admiralty fully recognise the great value of the Merchant steamers to the country as effective auxiliaries to the Royal Navy in time of war, and they have now before them an extensive scheme in harmony with the proposals submitted by Mr. Burns.

SIR, the Secretary of State for War announced a few nights ago that one English army corps is complete in every respect, and that a second will also shortly be ready to take the field, the question has been frequently asked, What is the strength of an army corps, and what troops does it comprise? In round numbers an English army corps contains, when all its several parts are placed on their full war establishment, very nearly 37,000 of all ranks. Of these in round numbers again, 5,000 officers and men belong to the medical, commissariat, and administrative departments; leaving 32,000 of all ranks belonging to the infantry, cavalry, artillery, and engineers. The army corps, again, consists of three divisions of infantry, a brigade of cavalry, a force of artillery distinguished as the "corps artillery," and a complement of engineers. Each division of infantry also comprises a force of artillery and cavalry, as well as foot soldiers. To give its composition more in detail, it consists of two brigades of infantry, each brigade comprising three battalions, a battalion of rifles, a regiment of cavalry, three batteries of field artillery, a company of engineers, a troop of military police, and an ammunition reserve column. The cavalry brigade consists of three regiments of cavalry and a battery of horse artillery. The corps artillery comprises three batteries of horse artillery and two batteries of field artillery, besides an ammunition reserve column. Altogether, therefore, an army corps includes twenty-one battalions of infantry, or, in round numbers, 21,000 bayonets; six regiments of cavalry, or 5,000 sabres; and fifteen batteries of artillery, or ninety guns.

"BENTLEY, Sept. 1868.—Gentlemen, I feel it a duty I owe to you to express my gratitude for the great benefit I have derived by taking 'Norton's Gamete Pills.' I applied to your agent, Mr. Bell, Berkeley, for the above-named Pills, for wind in the stomach, from which I suffered excruciating pain for a length of time, having tried nearly every remedy prescribed, but without deriving any benefit at all. After taking two bottles of your valuable Pills, I was quite restored to my usual state of health. Please give this publicity for the benefit of those who may thus be afflicted. I am, Sir, yours truly, HENRY ALLPASS.

—To the Proprietors of Norton's Gamete Pills."—18sep78.

Tas new King of Italy has backbones, and he has very early in his reign set down his foot firmly. Signor Crispi, Minister of

the Interior, a Neapolitan, was separated from his wife a few years ago. On Jan. 23 last, at Naples, he married a Sicilian lady, his first wife being still alive. The King, in consequence of the scandal thus caused, refused to attend the opening of the Italian Parliament on March 7 if Signor Crispi was to be there. On the evening of March 6 the Minister of the Interior accordingly resigned, and his department has been provisionally provided for.

Quotations.

HONGKONG, April 24, 1878.

OPIMUM.—New Patna, cash,...	\$580 a 582½
" Old Patna, cash,...	None
" New Benares, cash,...	555 a 556½
" Old Benares, cash,...	None
" New Malwa, cash,...	755
" Allowance Tails,...	6 a 14
" Old Malwa, cash,...	None
" Allowance Tails,...	None
CAMPFIRE,...	168 a 17
QUICKSILVER,...	63½ a 64
SALT-PETRE,...	6.25 a 6.80

Exchange.

Bank, on demand,...	3/104
" 30 days sight,...	3/104
" 6 months sight,...	3/111
Credit,...	3/111
Documentary, 6 months sight,...	3/111
Bombay, demand Rupees,...	223
Calcutta,...	223
Shanghai, demand,...	714
" 30 days sight,...	714
Bar Silver, 17, dwts. B.,...	8½
Eyece,...	8½
Mexicans,...	21.80 p.m.
Gold Leaf,...	21.80
English Sovereigns,...	5.25
Australian Sovereigns,...	5.25
Discount,...	6 to 8 %

Shares.

Hongkong Bank, 60 % prem.	1,335
Union Ins. Society of Canton, 1/325	
China Traders' Ins. Co., 1/250	
Chinese Insurance Co., 1/283½	
Yangtze Ins. Assoc., Tls. 620	
Northern Ins. Co., Tls. 960	
S.K. Fire Ins. Co., 1/685	
China Fire Ins. Co., 1/172	
E.K. & W. Dock Co., 8 % prem.	
E.K. & M. S. Boat Co., 1/60 dis.	
Shanghai Steam Navigation, Tls. 21	
Hongkong Gas Co., 1/75	
Hongkong Hotel Co., 1/55	
China Sugar Refining Co., 2 % prem.	
Chinese Imperial Loan, 1/105	
Do, of 1877, 1/103.10.	

Temperature.

(Taken at Messrs. Falconer & Co.'s Premises, Queen's Road.)

HONGKONG, April 24, 1878.	
BAROMETER—9 A.M.,...	30.524
" 2 P.M.,...	30.164
" 4 P.M.,...	30.140
THERMOMETER—9 A.M.,...	72
" 2 P.M.,...	73
" 4 P.M.,...	74
Do. (Wet bulb) 9 A.M.,...	63
" 2 P.M.,...	68
" 4 P.M.,...	68
Do. Maximum,...	74
Do. Minimum over night,...	69

Shipping Intelligence.

The following is corrected from the latest London and Colonial Papers, &c.—

VESSELS TO ARRIVE

AT HONGKONG.

When left.	Name.	From.	Remarks.
Aug.	14, Regulars,	Cardiff	
Sept.	3, Andreas,	Flushing Roads	
Oct.	2, Anna Bertha,	Cuxhaven	
19, Oscar,	Hamburg		
25, Benedicta,	San Francisco		
Nov.	2, Johann Smidt,	London	
2, Minpa,	London		
3, Elizabeth Shields,	Hamburg		
20, Jetti,	Cardiff.		
Dec.	1, Glengaber,	Flushing	
2, Otto,	Hamburg		
13, Sir Harry Parkes,	London		
19, Sedan,	Cardiff		
—, R. B. Fuller,	Cardiff		
23, J. R. Worcester,	London		
3, G. B. S.,	Liverpool		
Jan.	8, Korso,	Penarth	
13, Elvetico,	Cardiff		
17, Hylton Castle,	Greenock		
22, Bells of Oregon,	Liverpool		
27, Earl of Devon,	Antwerp		
30, Elizabeth Childie,	Plymouth		
31, Wandering Jew,	Penarth		
Feb.	2, Per Ardua,	London	
7, Nourmahal,	London		
3, Lodora,	Falmouth		
9, Hedwig,	Cardiff		
9, Channeel Queen,	Cardiff		
21, Magdala,	Cardiff		
23, Elvetic,	Penarth		
23, Chivocia,	Sydney		
23, Eleanor,	Sydney		
24, Bamerpalds,	Cardiff		
25, Highlander,	New York		
Mar.	8, Princes Amadeo,	Cardiff	
6, Francis B. Fay,	Sydney		
7, Fumace (s.),	London		
9, Mabe Clark,	Liverpool		
8, Josephus,	Penarth		
9, Maritime Union,	Newcastle		
10, Bertie Bigelow,	Antwerp		
12, Penarth,	London		
12, Landseer,	Liverpool		
18, Francis B. Fay,	N'castle (s.s.w.)		
19, O. L. Pearson,	N'castle (s.s.w.)		
20, August Frederick,	N'castle (s.s.w.)		
20, Nyansa,	Sydney (s.s.w.)		

Mails.

NOTICE.
COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES
MARITIMES.
PAQUEBOTS POSTE FRANÇAIS.
STEAM FOR
SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA,
POINT DE GALLE, COLOMBO,
ADEN, SUEZ, ISMAILIA, PORT
SAID, NAPLES, AND
MARSEILLES;
ALSO,
PONDICHERY, MADRAS, CAL-
CUTTA AND BOMBAY.

ON SATURDAY, the 27th April,
1878, at Noon, the Company's S. S.
DUMNIAH, Commandant CHAMPENOIS,
with MAILS, PASSENGERS, SPECIE,
and CARGO, will leave this Port for the
above places.

Cargo and Specie will be registered for
London as well as for Marseilles, and ac-
cepted in transit through Marseilles for the
principal places of Europe.

Cargo will be received on board until
4 p.m., Specie and Parcels until 3 p.m.
on the 26th April, 1878. (Parcels are
not to be sent on board; they must be left
at the Agency's Office.)
Contents and value of Packages are re-
quired.

For further particulars, apply at the
Company's Office.

H. DU POUÉY,
Agent.

Hongkong, April 20, 1878. ap27



STEAM FOR

Singapore, Penang, Point de Galle,
Aden, Suez, Malta, Brindisi,
Ancona, Venice, Mediterranean
Ports, Southampton,
and London.

ALSO,

Bombay, Madras, Calcutta, and
Australia.

THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM
NAVIGATION COMPANY'S Steamship
NIMAM, Captain A. BARLOW, will
leave this on SATURDAY, the 4th May,
at Noon.

For further Particulars, apply to

A. HIND, Superintendent.

Hongkong, April 20, 1878. my4

Occidental & Oriental Steam-
Ship Company.

TAKING THROUGH CARGO AND
PASSENGERS FOR THE UNITED
STATES AND EUROPE,

IN CONNECTION WITH THE
CENTRAL
and
UNION PACIFIC AND CONNECTING
RAILROAD COMPANIES

AND
ATLANTIC STEAMERS.

THE S. S. "OCEANIC" will be de-
parted for San Francisco via Yoko-
hama, on THURSDAY, the 9th May,
at 3 p.m., taking Cargo, and Passengers for
Japan, the United States and Europe.
Connection is made at Yokohama, with
Steamers from Shanghai.

Freight will be received on Board until
4 p.m. of the 8th May. PARCEL
PACKAGES will be received at the Office
until 5 p.m. same day; all Parcel Packages
should be marked to address in full; value
of same is required.

A REDUCTION is made on RETURN PAS-
SAGE TICKETS.
SPECIAL REDUCTIONS granted to
Officers of the Army and Navy and to
Members of the Civil and Consular
Services.

For further information as to Freight
or Passage, apply to the Agency of the
Company, No. 37, Queen's Road Central.

G. B. EMORY, Agent.

Hongkong, April 20, 1878. my9

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Brief Sketches from the Life of K'ung-ming.
Chinese Official Titles.
Translations of Chinese School-books.
Geographical Notes on the Province of
Kiangai.

Short Notices of New Books and Literary
Intelligence.
Notes and Queries:—

The Manchu Terms for 上 and 下.
The Mammoth in Chinese Records.
Mohammedan Apocrypha in China.
The Ki-lin identified with the Giraffe.
Life Saving Association, and other
Benevolent Societies at Wuhu.
Professor Beal and his Critics.
A Japanese Boy's Story.

Stocks Wanted, Exchanges, &c.
China Mail Office,
Hongkong, March 19, 1878.

Intimations.

NOTICE.

A. MILLAR & Co.,
PLUMBERS, AND GAS FITTERS,
Queen's Road East,
HONGKONG.
September 15, 1877.

AFONG,
PHOTOGRAPHER,
by appointment, to
H. E. SIR ARTHUR KENNEDY,
GOVERNOR OF HONGKONG;
and to
H. I. H. THE GRAND DUKE ALEXIS
OF RUSSIA,

Wyndham Street, formerly ATHLETIC CLUB,
HAS on hand the Largest and Best
collection of Views of China, Pho-
tographic Albums, Frames, Cases, &c., of
assorted sizes. Ex S. S. Tigre, Revolving
Standard Albums, Armorial Monograms
and Postage Stamp Albums, Russia Leather,
Velvet and carved-wood Albums, Cases and
Frames, nice Albums for Cabinet Portraits
only, Portraits of the Generals of the pre-
sent Russo-Turkish War, Emblems British
Statesmen, the two Chinese Ambassadors,
in Cabinet and Carte de Visite sizes.
Coloured Portraits of English Ladies.
Hongkong, August 24, 1877.

ESTATE OF DODD & Co.

AT the MEETING held on the 12th
Instant at Messrs DODD & Co.'s
OFFICES, the following RESOLUTIONS
were carried:—

1. That the affairs of the said Dodd
& Co. shall be liquidated by arrangement,
and not in Bankruptcy.
2. That FRANCIS CHOMLEY be, and he
is hereby appointed Trustee.
3. That H. ABENDRON and EDMUND
PYE be, and they are hereby appointed a
Committee of Inspection.

All PAYMENTS on account of the
Estate, it is requested, will be Paid to the
order of the Undersigned.

F. CHOMLEY,
Trustee for the Estate of
Dodd & Co.

Amoy, January 14, 1878.

NOTICE.

OFFICE OF THE SHANGHAI STEAM
NAVIGATION COMPANY,
IN LIQUIDATION.

A FOURTH RETURN OF CAPITAL
at the Rate of THREE TAELS
per SHARE will be made to Shareholders
of Record on the 1st April, Payable at the
Office of the Liquidators, on MONDAY,
the 8th April.

Warrants will then be delivered by the
Undersigned to Shareholders, or their
lawful representatives, on presentation of
Share Certificates for Endorsement.
The Transfer BOOKS of the Company
will be CLOSED from the 1st to the 8th
April inclusive.

By Order,

RUSSELL & Co.,
Liquidators.

Shanghai, March 30, 1878. my4

INSURANCES.

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE
COMPANY, LIMITED.

HEAD OFFICE—HONGKONG.

AGENCIES at all the Treaty Ports of
China and Japan, and at Singapore,
Saigon and Penang.
Claims accepted, and Policies of Insurance
granted at the rates of Premium current at
the above mentioned Ports.

NO CHARGE FOR POLICY FEES.

JAS. B. COUGHTRIE,
Secretary.

Hongkong, November 1, 1871.

LANCASHIRE INSURANCE
COMPANY.

(FIRE AND LIFE.)

CAPITAL—TWO MILLIONS STERLING.

THE Undersigned are prepared to grant
POLICIES against the Risk of FIRE on
Buildings or on Goods stored therein, on
Coals in Matsukado, on Goods on board
Vessels and on Hulls of Vessels in Har-
bour, at the usual Terms and Conditions.

Proposals for Life Insurances will be re-
ceived, and transmitted to the Directors
for their decision.

If required, protection will be granted on
first class lives up to \$1000 on a Single
Life.

For Rates of Premiums, forms of pro-
posals or any other information, apply to
ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co.

Agents Hongkong & Canton.

Hongkong, January 4, 1867.

QUEEN FIRE INSURANCE
COMPANY.

THE Undersigned are prepared to grant
POLICIES against FIRE to the extent of
\$45,000 on Buildings, or on Goods stored
therein, at current local rates, subject to a
Discount of 20% on the Premium.

NORTON & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, January 1, 1876.

Insurances.

YANGTZE INSURANCE ASSO-
CIATION.

CAPITAL—Fully Paid-up.....Tls. 420,000
PERMANENT RESERVE....., 230,000
SPECIAL RESERVE FUND....., 75,000

Total Capital and accumula-
tions this date.....Tls. 725,000

Directors:

F. B. FORBES, Esq., Chairman.
M. W. BOYD, Esq. | O. KREBS, Esq.
M. P. EVANS, Esq. | O. LUCAS, Esq.

Secretaries:

Messrs. Russell & Co., Shanghai.

London Bankers:

Messrs. Baring Brothers & Co.

HONGKONG, LONDON, SAN FRANCISCO, and
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POLICIES granted on Marine Risks to
all parts of the World, at current
rates.

Subject to a charge of 12 % for interest
on Shareholders' Capital, ALL THE PROFITS
OF THE UNDERWRITING BUSINESS will be
annually distributed among all Contribu-
tors of Business in proportion to the
premium paid by them.

RUSSELL & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, October 1, 1877. col

CHINESE INSURANCE COMPANY.
(LIMITED.)

NOTICE.

POLICIES granted at current rates on
Marine Risks to all parts of the World.
In accordance with the Company's Articles
of Association, Two Thirds of the Profits
are distributed annually to Contributors,
whether Shareholders or not, in proportion
to the net amount of Premium contributed
by each, the remaining third being carried
to Reserve Fund.

OLYPHANT & Co.,
General Agents.

Hongkong, April 17, 1873.

ROYAL INSURANCE COMPANY.
THE Undersigned, Agents for the above
Company, are prepared to grant In-
surances at current rates.

MELOHRS & Co.,
Agents, Royal Insurance Company.

Hongkong, October 27, 1874.

NORTH BRITISH & MERCANTILE
INSURANCE COMPANY.

Incorporated by Royal Charter and
Special Acts of Parliament.

ESTABLISHED 1800.

CAPITAL \$2,000,000.

THE Undersigned, Agents at Hongkong
for the above Company, are prepared
to grant Policies against FIRE, to the
extent of \$10,000 on any Building, or
on Merchandise in the same, at the
usual Rates, subject to a discount of 20
per cent.

GILMAN & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, July 6, 1875.

SHEONG ON FIRE INSURANCE
COMPANY, LIMITED.

CAPITAL ONE MILLION DOLLARS.

Directors.

KWOK ACHONG, Merchant.
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CHOW CHAN, Merchant.

Manager—HO AMEL.

POLICIES against FIRE granted on
BUILDINGS and on GOODS stored
therein at CURRENT RATES, subject to
Discount of 20 % on the Premium.

OFFICE, Nos. 8 and 9, Praya West.

Hongkong, August 23, 1877. an23

THE LONDON ASSURANCE.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER
of
His Majesty King George The First,
A. D. 1720.

THE Undersigned having been appointed
Agents for the above Corporation are
prepared to grant Insurances as follows:—

Marine Department.

Policies at current rates payable either
here, in London or at the principal Ports
of India, China and Australia.

Fire Department.

Policies issued for long or short periods at
current rates. A discount of 20 % allowed.

Life Department.

Policies issued for sums not exceeding
\$5,000 at reduced rates.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.,
Hongkong, July 25, 1872.

MANCHESTER FIRE ASSURANCE
COMPANY OF MANCHESTER
AND LONDON.

THE Undersigned have been appointed
Agents for the above Company at
Hongkong, Canton, Foochow, Shanghai
and Hankow, and are prepared to grant
Insurances at current rates.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.

Hongkong, October 14, 1866.

Merchant Vessels in Hongkong Harbour.

Exclusive of late Arrivals and Departures reported to-day.

To facilitate finding the position of any vessel in the Harbour, the Anchorage is divided into eight Sections, commencing at
Green Island. Vessels near the Hongkong shore are marked h., near the Kowloon shore k., and those in the body of the
Shipping or midway between each shore are marked c., in conjunction with the figures denoting the sections.
Section. 1. From Green Island to the Gas Works. 2. From Gas Works to the Novelty Iron Works. 3. From Novelty Iron Works to the Harbour Master's Office. 4. From Harbour Master's Office to the P. and O. Co.'s Office.
Section. 5. From P. and O. Co.'s Office to Peddar's Wharf. 6. From Peddar's Wharf to the Naval Yard. 7. From Naval Yard to the Pier. 8. From Pier to East Point.

Vessel's Name.	Flag.	Tons.	Date of Arrival.	Consignees or Agents.	Destination.	Remarks.
Alverton	Brit.	1088	April 18	Meyer & Co.	Saigon	Cleared
Amoy	Brit.	796	April 24	Siemssen & Co.	Ningpo & Shanghai	To-morrow
Argentine	Brit.	915	April 22	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	.....	Laid up
Bombay	Brit.	749	Feb. 12	Kwok Acheong	Australian Ports	To-day
Bowen	Brit.	844	April 21	Jibb, Livingston & Co.	.....	Laid up
Cassandra	Brit.	95	Oct. 18	Kwok Acheong	.....	Abandoned
Cornet	Brit.	2416	April 18	Wm. Pustau & Co.	Marseilles, &c.	17th
Djemnah	Brit.	163	April 24	Messageries Maritimes	.....	To-morrow
Fatchoy	Brit.	507	April 18	G. MoBain	.....	.....
Fitzpatrick	Brit.	950	April 24	C. M. S. N. Co.	Shanghai	.....
Fuyew	Brit.	1588	April 21	Butterfield & Swire	.....	.....
Glenartney	Brit.	1371	April 21	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	.....	.....
Glenfinlas	Brit.	1866	April 14	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	.....	.....
Glenfalloch	Brit.	1386	April 17	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	.....	.....
Glenroy	Brit.	1372	April 6	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	.....	.....
Hankow	Brit.	2332	April 20	Siemssen & Co.	.....	.....
Java	Brit.	886	April 27	Wm. Pustau & Co.	.....	.....
Keinchow	Brit.	1025	April 17	Kwok Acheong	Bangkok	28th daylight
Lorne	Brit.	1079	April 20	Melchers & Co.	Yokohama & Higo	27th daylight
Madras	Brit.	642	April 19	Landstein & Co.	.....	Coast Dock
Mecca	Brit.	678	Mar. 17	Landstein & Co.	.....	.....
Minerva	Brit.	1025	April 19	Siemssen & Co.	Europe, &c.	Mails
Nizam	Brit.	1727	April 21	F. & O. S. N. Co.	Swatow	9th prox.
Norma	Brit.	608	April 24	Kwok Acheong	Phama & S. Folsco	.....
Oceanic	Brit.	8700	April 23	O. & C. S. Co.	Manila	.....
Panay	Brit.	652	April 30	Remedios & Co.	.....	.....
Pasado	Brit.	652	April 29	Melchers & Co.	.....	.....
Pernambuco	Brit.	781	April 20	Soy Sing	Saigon	.....
Rajanathianhar	Brit.	993	April 21	Yuen Fat Hong	Bangkok	27th inst.
Standard	Brit.	1074	April 22	Siemssen & Co.	.....	.....
Thales	Brit.	700	Mar. 28	Geo. B. Stevens & Co.	Australian Ports	To-day
Tibre	Brit.	1800	April 23	Messageries Maritimes	Yokohama	K'loon Dock
Tekya Yuen Ryan	Brit.	480	April 24	Captain	Singapore and Penang	28th inst.
Yesso	Brit.	560	April 24	Douglas Lapraik & Co.	Coast Ports	.....
Yutung	Brit.	288	Mar. 27	Kwok Acheong	Haliphong	.....

Anna Sloben	1	k	Paulsen	Ger.	bqe.	325	April 5	Eduard Schellhaus & Co.	Callao	
Antioch	2	c	Seymour	Amer.	bqe.	646	April 5	Chinese		
Aresola	3	c	Penary	Brit.	bqe.	947	April 24	Butterfield & Swire		
Beethoven	4	c	Enjo	Ger.	bqe.	840	April 22	Melchers & Co.		
Bianca Petrica	5	h	lancredi	Ital.	bqe.	666	Mar. 31	Thos. Howard & Co.		
Black Prince	6	c	Ingles	Brit.	sh.	760	April 2	Turner & Co.		
Briabane	7	c	Rudleston	Brit.	bqe.	304	April 23	Russell & Co.		
Bua Pan	8	h	Moller	Siam.	sh.	574	April 5	Kin-ye-icong		
Carl	9	c	Thomsen	Ger.	bq.	215	April 16	Arnhold, Karberg & Co.	Tientsin	
Chandos	10	k	Emery	Amer.	sh.	1506	Mar. 6	Captain	San Francisco	
Charlotte Andrews	11	c	Piace	Brit.	bqe.	855	April 22	Rozario & Co.		
Conehita	12	c	Arias	Span.	bqe.	430	Mar. 14	Remedios & Co.	Manila	
Corona	13	k	Spence	Brit.	sh.	1198	Feb. 18	Meyer & Co.		
Cresswell	14	c	White	Brit.	bqe.	464	April 18	Chinese		
Crusader	15	k	Gorham	Amer.	bqe.	668	Mar. 14	Captain		
Cuba	16	c	Stahell	Brit.	bqe.	310	April 23	Captain		
Devana	17	c	May	Brit.	bqe.	785	April 9	Melchers & Co.		
Elcano	18	c	Barnby	Amer.	sh.	1181	Feb. 28	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.	London	
Elise	19	c	Permen	Hawa.	bq.	312	Mar. 30	Wielor & Co.	Honolulu	
Elizabeth Ostle	20	h	Finn	Brit.	bqe.	740	April 14	Meyer & Co.		
Elisabeth	21	c	Ohlsen	Ger.	bqe.	447	April 23	Wielor & Co.		
Enid	22	c	Smithwaite	Brit.	bqe.	495	April 1	Arnhold, Karberg & Co.		
Florence Nightingale	23	c	McIntyre	Brit.	bqe.	464	April 8	Arnhold, Karberg & Co.		
Forward	24	c	Vandervord	Brit.	bqe.	707	April 16	Rozario & Co.		
Frank Marion	25	c	Elldridge	Amer.	bqe.	678	April 7	Meyer & Co.		
Freeman Clark	26	c	Wright	Amer.	sh.	1336	Jan. 19	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.	Portland (Oregon)	
Glamorganshire	27	c	McKeehan	Brit.	bqe.	456	April 18	H. Kier & Co.		
Goodell	28	c	French	Amer.	bqe.	840	April 4	Arnhold, Karberg & Co.		
Great Admiral	29	k	Thompson	Amer.	bqe.	1576	Aug. 19	Russell & Co.		
H. G. Johnson	30	c	Colby	Amer.	bqe.	1081	April 16	Arnhold, Karberg & Co.		
Hark Away	31	c	Potts	Brit.	bqe.	773	Feb. 12	Russell & Co.	Manila	
Helene	32	k	Vougaardsen	Ger.	bqe.	372	Mar. 31	Wielor & Co.	Bangkok	Cleared
Hudson	33	c	Valghaan	Amer.	bqe.	482	April 19	Butterfield & Swire		Cleared
Jean Pierre	34	k	Legasse	Feb.	bqe.	607	Mar. 15	Carlowitz & Co.		
Julie	35	c	Launray	Feb.	bqe.	504	April 14	Carlowitz & Co.	Bangkok	Cleared
Kim Yung Tye	36	c		Siam.	bqe.		Mar. 31	Chinese		
Ladago	37	c	Pierce	Amer.	sh.	866	April 8	Captain		
Lady Penrhyn	38	c	Owen	Brit.	bqe.	815	April 12	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.		
Maid of Judah	39	c	Webb	Brit.	bqe.	648	April 23	Chinese		
Malvina	40	k	Kluge	Ger.	bqe.	479	April 23	Wielor & Co.		
Marie Charlotte	41	c	McMahon.	Feb.	bqe.	380	Mar. 23	Carlowitz & Co.	Callao & Valparaiso	
Monquito	42	k	Miles	Brit.	bq.	197	Feb. 5	Rozario & Co.	Melbourne & Sydney	
Munroe	43	c	Clark	Brit.	bqe.	695	Jan. 24	Adamson, Bell & Co.		
North Star	44	c	Thompson	Amer.	sh.	1374	Feb. 28	Russell & Co.	San Francisco	
P. J. Carleton	45	k	Amabury	Amer.	bqe.	986	Feb. 28	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.	San Francisco	
Phaeton	46	c	Schoel	Brit.	bqe.	676	April 14	Wielor & Co.	Bangkok	Cleared
Philip Fitzpatrick	47	c	Helan	Amer.	bqe.	532	Mar. 27	Rozario & Co.	Bangkok	Sander Ship
Rosa Boettcher	48	k	Salvati	Ger.	bqe.	398	April 15	Wm. Pustau & Co.		
San Lorenzo	49	c	Valdarte	Span.	bq.	593	April 23	amedico & Co.		
Sarah Nicholson	50	c	Salkirk	Brit.	bqe.	693	April 24	Butterfield & Swire		
Star of India	51	k	Holloway	Brit.	bqe.	1040	Feb. 14	Jlyphant & Co.		
Sumatra	52	k	Clough	Amer.	sh.	1090	Sep. 5	Russell & Co.		
Taunton	53	c	Armstrong	Brit.	sh.	687	April 18	Simenson & Co.	New York	
Teodora	54	c	Hornaze	Span.	bqe.	600	Mar. 30	Russell & Co.		
Thomas Fletcher	55	c	Pendleton	Amer.	bqe.	645	April 8	Kia Nam	Manila	
Titan	56	c	Berry	Amer.	sh.	1270	Feb. 7	Russell & Co.		
Villa de Rivadabia	57	k	Camus.	Span.	bq.	261	April 5	Remedios & Co.	San Francisco	
Wegs	58	c	Jachens	Ger.	sh.	1115	Mar. 1	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.	Ylloilo	
Wildwood	59	c	Herriman	Amer.	sh.	1089	Jan. 28	Russell & Co.	New York	
Wm. Turner	60	c	Vandervord	Brit.	bqe.	431	April 16	Rozario & Co.	Portland (Oregon)	